

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 4231–4239; 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 71; H. Con. Res. 290–291; and H. Res. 534–536 were introduced. **Pages H9695–96**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H9696**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, by a yea-and-nay vote of 358 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 569. **Pages H9650–72**

H. Res. 532, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H9644–50**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2005, for Morning-Hour Debate. **Pages H9673–74**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, November 9th. **Page H9674**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings today and appears on page H9672. There were no quorum calls.

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9691.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### U.S. RESPONSE TO REGION POWERS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Regional Powers Panel held a hearing on U.S. response to regional powers and interagency planning capabilities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AVIAN FLU PREPAREDNESS

**Committee on Government Reform:** Held a hearing entitled “The National Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan: Is the U.S. Ready for Avian Flu?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and In-

fectious Diseases, NIH; Bruce Gellin, M.D., Director, National Vaccine Planning Office; Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and William Raub, M.D., Science Advisor to the Secretary.

## Joint Meetings

### EMPLOYMENT

**Joint Economic Committee:** Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for October 2005, focusing on the impact of the recent hurricanes on the jobs data, consumer spending, and homeownership, after receiving testimony from Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

### APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE/JUSTICE/SCIENCE

**Conferees** agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2862, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 7 through November 12, 2005

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1042, National Defense Authorization.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation conference reports, when available.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** November 8, Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation, to hold hearings to examine the Pet Animal Welfare Statute, 2:30 p.m., SDG–50.

November 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine agricultural transportation and energy issues, 10:30 a.m., SDG–50.

November 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles R. Christopherson, Jr., of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, and James M. Andrew, of Georgia, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* November 9, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense Business Transformation and Financial Management Accountability, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 10, to hold hearings to examine the development of New Basel Capital Accords, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 9, with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings to examine energy pricing and profits, focusing on record prices of oil, gasoline, and natural gas and factors affecting those prices, issues relating to global demand, resource development strategies and windfall profits taxes, and the effectiveness of Federal and State consumer protection laws to prevent occurrences of price gouging during supply disruptions, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

November 9, Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, with the Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold joint hearings to examine S. 517, to establish a Weather Modification Operations and Research Board, 3 p.m., SD-562.

November 10, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the Wright amendment, which restricts travel into and out of Dallas Love Field for commercial flights with more than 56 seats, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* November 9, with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold joint hearings to examine energy pricing and profits, focusing on record prices of oil, gasoline, and natural gas and factors affecting those prices, issues relating to global demand, resource development strategies and windfall profits taxes, and the effectiveness of Federal and State consumer protection laws to prevent occurrences of price gouging during supply disruptions, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 8, Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management, to hold oversight hearings to examine the impact of certain government contractor liability proposals on environmental laws, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

November 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues regarding a comprehensive and integrated approach to meet the water resources needs of coastal Louisiana in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including storm and flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration and navigation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

November 10, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the existing particulate matter and ozone air quality standards, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* November 8, to hold hearings to examine Kosovo, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

November 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, to be the U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Deputy Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Represent-

ative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

November 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Avian influenza preparation issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

November 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Ross Wilson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Carol van Voorst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, and Marilyn Ware, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Finland, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* November 9, to hold hearings to examine the Coast Guard's response to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

November 9, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to resume oversight hearings to examine the Federal security clearance process, focusing on Office of Personnel Management's plan to address the backlog of security clearance investigations, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* November 8, to hold hearings to examine U.S.-Saudi Arabia relations relating to the war on terror, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

November 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

November 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the use of cameras in the courtroom, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

November 9, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, business meeting to markup S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 2 p.m., SD-226.

November 10, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the state interest in protecting children and families relating to pornography, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* November 8, to hold hearings to examine strengthening hurricane recovery efforts for small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* November 10, to hold hearings to examine the rebuilding of VA assets on the Gulf Coast, 2 p.m., SD-138.

### House Committees

*Committee on Armed Services,* November 9, hearing on the Defense Logistics Agency's Prime Vendor Program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 9, Regional Powers Panel, hearing on regional powers' threats to the United States' interests, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* November 10, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 1445, Workplace Religious Freedom Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, November 8, hearing entitled "Assessing the National Pandemic Flu Preparedness Plan," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 9, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on a proposal to create a statutory framework for Internet Protocol and Broadband Services, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protections, hearing entitled "Right to Repair: Industry Discussions and Legislative Options," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, November 9, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 3997, Financial Data Protection Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 10, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Oversight of the Export-Import Bank of the United States," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, November 9, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Justice Delayed is Justice Denied: A Case for a Federal Employees Appeals Court," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, November 8, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Federal Support for Homeland Security Information Sharing: The Role of the Information Sharing Program Manager," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

November 9, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services, joint hearing entitled "Responding to Catastrophic Events: the Role of the Military and National Guard in Disaster Response," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations*, November 9, to mark up H. Res. 505, Requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the White House Iraq Group, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 9, Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on Germany After the Election: Implications for Germany, Europe and U.S.-German Relations, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

November 9, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Illicit Drug Transit Zone in Central America, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 10, full Committee, hearing on An Around-the-World Review of Public Diplomacy, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Broadcasting Board of Governors and Alhurra Television, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, November 8, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on The Voting Rights Act: Section 203—Bilingual Election Requirements, Part I, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 9, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on The Voting Rights Act: Section 5—Judicial Evolution of the Retrogression Standard, 2 p.m., and oversight hearing on the Voting Rights Act: Section 203—Bilingual Election Requirements, Part II, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 10, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 3035, Streamlined Procedures Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 10, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "How Illegal Immigration Impacts Constituencies: Perspectives from Members of Congress," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, November 8, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3552, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 9, full Committee, oversight hearing on the Second Discussion Draft of Legislation Off-Reservation Indian Gaming, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 9, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3626, Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act of 2005; H.R. 3967, Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act of 2005; and 4195, Southern Oregon Bureau of Reclamation Re- payment Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

November 10, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on a measure to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to promptly implement recovery treatments in response to catastrophic events affecting Federal lands under their jurisdiction, including the removal of dead and damaged trees and the implementation of reforestation treatments, to support the recovery of non-Federal lands damaged by catastrophic events, to revitalize Forest Service experimental forests, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

November 10, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 413, Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Act; H.R. 452, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1307, Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, November 8, to consider H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, November 10, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on the Role of Social Science Research in Disaster Preparedness and Response, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, November 8, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs, hearing entitled "The Small Business Innovation Research Program—Open Doors to New Technology," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, November 8, executive, Director of National Intelligence hearing discussion, 11:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

November 8, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence and the Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy, executive, joint briefing entitled “Muslim Extremism,” 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

November 9, full Committee, executive, hearing entitled “Unauthorized Disclosures,” 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

November 9, executive, hearing entitled “Progress of the Director of National Intelligence,” 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina*, November 9, hearing entitled “Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the State of Alabama,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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